

What am I committing to when I sign the OSDBU Green Pledge?

In its simplest terms signing the pledge means that you agree to provide the small business community with outreach and resources that help them become a more environmentally sustainable business so that they may save resources and remain competitive in the government procurement process that is moving towards greener business practices.

Evaluate and define ways to help your agency reach its Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan goals. The requirements of E.O. 13514 state that each agency shall define their sustainability goals and OMB publically rates them. Do you know what your agency's sustainability goals entail and how they were rated?

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/sustainability/plans>

Partner with your agency's contracts office to better understand what types of green contract clauses are being included in new and ongoing contracts. FAR 52.223 states that most contracts should include Energy Efficiency, Pollution Prevention, Waste Reduction, Toxic Chemicals Reporting etc.

Share greening small business resources and information, many have already been developed and will be useful to all small businesses. Develop tools and greening information that are specific to your agency, and include information on your external website so that the small businesses you come in contact with know that this is a priority.

EPA's Smart Steps Greening Guide: <http://www.epa.gov/osbp/greening.htm>

SBA and Navy's Green Government Opportunities: <http://green.sba.gov/>

GSA's Strategically Sustainable website: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/26433>

FedCenter's Green Acquisition Guidance: <http://www.fedcenter.gov/programs/buygreen/>